

REMARKS

I. Status Of The Claims

Claims 1-187 and 189-193 are pending in this application.

Claims 1-15, 19-27, 55-61, 73-81, 100-112, 121, 122, 126, 128-130, 140-149, 155-159, 162-164, 172-174, 177-179, 180-182, 189, and 190-193 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bocinsky (U.S. Patent No. 5,371,797) in view of Rosen (U.S. Patent No. 6,047,887) and Downs (U.S. Patent No. 6,574,609).

Claims 16-18, 28-54, 62-72, 82-99, 113-120, 123-125, 127, 131-139, 150-154, 160, 161, 169-171, 175, 176, and 183-187 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bocinsky in view of Rosen.

With this response, claims 6, 7, 33, 34, 60, 61, 87, and 88 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer, and claims 1, 19, 28, 46, 55, 73, 82, 100, 109, 110, 111, 113, 115, 116, 117, 119, and 189 are amended.

Claims 1, 19, 28, 46, 55, 73, 82, 100, 109, 110, 111, 113, 115, 116, 117, 119, and 189 are independent.

II. Claim Amendments

With this response, Applicants amend each of the independent claims (claims 1, 19, 28, 46, 55, 73, 82, 100, 109, 110, 111, 113, 115, 116, 117, 119, and 189).

Applicants respectfully submit that these claims at least as amended herewith, as well as those claims that depend therefrom, are in condition for allowance over the cited references.

III Conclusion

Applicants respectfully submit that this Application is in condition for allowance for which action is earnestly solicited.

If a telephone conference would facilitate prosecution of this Application in any way, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the number provided.

IV. Authorization

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required for this response, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-4500, Order No. 3892-4000. **A DUPLICATE OF THIS DOCUMENT IS ATTACHED.**

Furthermore, in the event that a further extension of time is required, the Commissioner is requested to grant a petition for that extension of time which is required to make this response timely and is hereby authorized to charge any fee for such an extension of time or credit any overpayment for an extension of time to the above-noted Deposit Account and Order No.

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